

Keswick, Brick House (first) (Old House)
Powhatan County *K* Huguenot Vicinity
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BRICK HOUSE, "KESWICK"
Huguenot Springs Vicinity, Powhatan County, Virginia

History:

"It was in 1750 that Charles Clarke came over to Virginia, and married Mademoiselle Salee, a Huguenot lady. It is said that they were the first to own Keswick property. They had four sons: John, James, a soldier in the American Revolution, Charles and William.

"They must have been keen-eyed business men these sons as well as close observers of the land. The time was ripe for a gun factory to prosper and what better place for a gun factory than their land which was rich in iron. Before 1800 they had started this gun factory which was on the site of Bellona Arsenal--about two miles from the mansion of Keswick. All the land in between was a part of the Clarke estate. It lies half in Chesterfield and half in Powhatan County."

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